



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 12, 2024 City Commission meeting

To: The City Commission for the City of Key West

From: Ronald Ramsingh, City Attorney

Subject: A new ordinance requiring a supermajority vote of the City Commission to approve the expenditure of any general obligation or revenue bond funds.

Sponsor: Ronald Ramsingh, City Attorney

Background

There are 4 separate general obligation bond questions that were approved by the City Commission on July 18, 2024 to be placed on the November 2024 general election ballot. The bond questions involve funds for Police and Fire, Resilience Hardening, Streets and Sidewalks, and Parks and Recreation. After listening to the concerns of several Commissioners, the undersigned raised the idea of requiring a supermajority vote to expend bond funds that are over \$50,000.00 pursuant to Sec. 2-771. A supermajority shall be defined as a simple majority of the quorum plus one vote.

Cost

This measure does not create any costs to the city.

Options:

1. To approve the proposed ordinance. The expenditure of any bond funds over \$50,000.00 will be required to have a successful vote of a supermajority of the City Commission.

2. To deny the proposed ordinance. A simple majority will continue to be the standard to approve such expenditures.

Recommendation:

The undersigned makes no recommendation on this policy issue.